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5 STRIKE VICTORIES IN MONTH

Teamsters Will Dine At ISFL Convention

Indiana State Drivers' Council and Teamsters Joint Council No. 69 will be hosts to all teamsters who come to Indianapolis to attend the 61st annual convention of the Indiana State Federation of Labor, starting September 17.

The two groups of teamster business representatives have many important problems to thresh out pertinent to their local unions and they are planning to combine this business with the pleasure of refreshment rooms in the Claypool Hotel, and a banquet in the hotel's Chateau Room.

Preceding the banquet will be the regular monthly meeting of the State Drivers' Council, at which business of utmost importance to the locals will be discussed.

Plans for entertainment were made at monthly meetings of the two councils in Indianapolis, August 16, and practically everything was left in the hands of Michael C. Granat and Emmett J. Williams, president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the Joint Council.

Open House

It appears the most important feature of the entertainment will be the refreshment room for those who like light refreshments. Fred Marshall, president of Teamsters Local 133, has been appointed official uncorker, and has promised to serve diligently.

But more important than this most important feature will be the banquet.

With respect to this Messrs. Granat and Williams have addressed a letter to all teamster locals in Indiana, inviting their brothers somewhat as follows:

"Dear Sir and Brother:
"This year the State Federation of Labor will be held in Indianapolis, September 17-19, 1946."
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Workers Gain 15 Cts. per Hour In Capital City

The Indianapolis City Council has voted a 15-cent hourly wage increase for all members of Teamsters Local 135 in the city's employ, the increase to be effective through 1947.

The Council's action, taken August 22, followed its vote a few weeks earlier to give union working conditions to all hourly paid employees of the street and sanitation departments, effective at once.

Both concessions are victories for the Teamsters' Union, headed by E. J. Williams, secretary-treasurer and Fred Marshall, president, and followed a long series of negotiations between the union and the city hall group, headed by Mayor Tyndall.

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Organizer



Norman C. Murrin has been appointed International Organizer of the Teamsters for the states of Indiana and Kentucky, according to Thomas E. Flynn, executive assistant to President Tobin.

He will also work on special assignments out of the International office in Indianapolis.

Mr. Murrin formerly was International Organizer in Illinois. The position there now is being filled by Harold Thirion, former business representative of Joint Council No. 39 at Joliet, Ill.

Four Will Attend 11-State Meeting

Four Indiana delegates will attend an 11-state meeting of Teamsters for over-the-road drivers to be held at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, Sept. 22 and 23.

Indiana members of the 24-man board from the 11 states are Joe Williams, Local No. 135, Indianapolis; Walter Biggs, Local No. 364, South Bend; Pat

Hoosier Teamsters Win Their Demands

Indiana Teamsters have won a series of victories during the month in various parts of the state, where they have been on strike or have filed strike notice to enforce their respective demands.

Reports obtained to date by this publication show that strikes have been terminated to the satisfaction of the union and cordial relations resumed with employers, as follows:

Local 233, Indianapolis, and the wholesale grocery establishment of J. C. Perry & Co.

Local 364, South Bend, and Drewry's, Ltd., U. S. A.

Local 144, Terre Haute, and the J. W. Leppert Bus Co. at Bloomington.

Local 362, Hammond, and seven household moving companies.

Local 369, Anderson and National Trucking Co.

Strike notice filed by Local 414, Fort Wayne, against the Cities Service Oil Co. withdrawn upon signing of contract.

In Indianapolis

The J. C. Perry drivers walked out June 19 and started picketing the wholesale grocery establishment at 620 South Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, when negotiations which had been conducted for them by President Leo Bauer appeared to have reached futility.

Negotiations looking to a wage increase started April 15. Wayne Evans, company manager, offered 5 cents an hour more money, but this was unanimously rejected by the membership, and a strike notice was filed with the National Labor Relations Board a month later.

After holding out against the union for seven weeks, the Perry Company came across with an agreement to pay increased wages, concede a closed shop and to consider Local 233 the bargaining agent for all its inside workers.

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Terre Haute Local Wins 2 Elections

TERRE HAUTE—All drivers, warehousemen and mechanics employed in both the Terre Haute Heavy Hardware plant and the International Harvester Co. here voted August 23 to have Teamsters' Local 144 for bargaining agent, in an election held by the National Labor Relations Board.

George Skerke, union president, has started negotiations with the two companies seeking better wages and working conditions for his new members.

Hess, Local No. 414, Fort Wayne and O. B. Chambers, Local No. 795, Kokomo.

Burglars Get \$115 From Two Drivers

Burglars slipped into the unlocked drivers' quarters of the Mayflower Transfer Co., 875 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis, Aug. 12, and stole \$115 from billfolds belonging to Joseph Mair, Brooklyn, New York, and John Henry, Columbus, Ohio.

Both are members of Teamsters Local 193.

Teamster Leaders Good Legionnaires



Among Indianapolis Teamsters are many members of The American Legion and these members include a number of Teamsters' leaders, having headquarters at 28 West North St.

Some of these leaders are shown preparing to attend an evening meeting at the recent State Convention of the Legion in Indianapolis. They are Left to Right—Z. R. Tompkins, business representative of Teamsters' Local 716; M. R. Atkins, business representative of Teamsters' Local 233; Burke Orr, office manager of Teamsters' Local 135, and James E. Deets, president of Teamsters' Local 716.

Among others who attended the convention; not shown in the picture, were Fred Marshall, president, and Bruce Travis, business representative of Teamsters' Local 135.

City Workers in Hammond Raised \$30.00 per Month

HAMMOND—A pay increase of \$30 a month for all drivers and helpers in the city employ was announced this week by Business Rep. Harry D. Cole, of Teamsters Local 362.

"That includes 100 drivers and helpers," said Cole. "Hammond has drivers and helpers in all city departments organized—street departments, garbage department, water department, sewer department and park department."

"New wages will go into effect Jan. 1," said Cole.

Whiting and East Chicago have granted similar pay boosts, he added.

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Labor Day 1946

By DANIEL J. TOBIN

Labor Day this year is no occasion for general rejoicing. The crisis which faces us is only slightly less serious than that of war. Indeed, there is no assurance that we are free from the shadows of war. Ugly clouds still darken the horizon.

We cannot speak with assurance for the future of labor until we are reasonably certain what the future holds for the world. The fate of labor is inextricably entwined with world events. What happens to the world happens to us, whether some of us try to close our eyes to it or not.

One serious encumbrance of labor today is the number of leaders who appreciate neither their responsibilities nor their opportunities. Many of them cannot, or will not, understand that on their shoulders rests to a large degree the future of the world.

If they succeed in kicking this country into a disastrous depression, the rest of the world sinks into it with us. Such a depression would unquestionably mean the collapse of every existing government—democratic, Fascist, Communist and monarchic.

The United States is the only nation today which has been able to preserve any semblance of a decent standard of living. On our continued ability to preserve it, and by preserving it to help other nations to attain it, rests the orderly recovery of the world from its harrowing ordeal.

To avoid the appalling penalty of failure, the United States must show leadership. It cannot show leadership with its citizens failing or refusing to cooperate with their Government and with each other.

Many criticize our Government for failing to speak the sentiments of its people. What are the sentiments of its people? Ask a thousand persons and you get a thousand different answers.

In such a situation the solution lies with the leaders of various segments of the population. Business and labor, for instance. Too many leaders of both have viewed the end of hostilities as the signal to resume their private fight, interrupted by the Japs at Pearl Harbor.

They are shaking the tree of prosperity to knock down the ripening fruit. They had better beware lest they shake the tree so violently that they uproot it. Then there will be no more fruit for either.

I think it is fair to say, after viewing the inexcusable record of the last Congress, that both Government and business have failed the people in this emergency. The record Congress made was the record that business, through its selfish lobbies, insisted that it make.

Few business or industrial leaders show any signs of realizing the imminent danger that hovers over the world.

That leaves labor as the only salvation.

If labor and industry plunge blindly into a battle with each other, we are all lost. We cannot afford to be goaded into suicidal action. The fact that business has failed is no excuse for labor to fail.

I am greatly encouraged by the number of labor men who realize that. I am disturbed, however, by the number who do not.

I believe that the rank and file of labor are become convinced that the remedy for our delicate economic condition lies in greater and uninterrupted production. That means men at work—not on strike.

Every strike today is a step toward inflation—and depression. I do not mean to say that strikes can all be avoided. Business will see to that. By its determination to get more profits, it will force some strikes.

But the remarkable achievement of the American Federation of Labor in winning a billion dollars in wage increases without a strike is irrefutable proof that most strikes can be avoided.

If men can settle their differences while they are working, they are better off than trying to settle them when they are not working. In every long strike the workers lose more money than they can regain by months, and sometimes years, of work, even if they win all they ask.

Throwing men out of work for weeks over a difference of two or three cents an hour is an inexcusable hardship. The men can't win. Such leaders do not deserve the positions they hold.

Fortunately, few of them are in the American Federation of Labor or the Teamsters' Union.

The policy of the Teamsters' Union is to remain at work under the best possible conditions we can obtain. Never should a strike be considered until all other methods of peaceful settlement have failed, and only then when the point at issue is of sufficient importance to justify the suffering that a strike always brings to those who participate in it.

Labor can save the United States from inflation if it stays on the job. If it saves this country from inflation, it will have done much toward stabilizing conditions throughout the world.

So What, \$50 Fine?

Andrew Jackson Higgins, an obscure builder of pleasure boats who bounded into the multi-million-dollar contractor class during the war as a producer of landing craft, faces Federal Grand Jury investigation into his financial transactions with the Government.



DANIEL J. TOBIN

Hoosier Teamsters Win Five Strike Victories in Month

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Brewery Workers Win

Brewery drivers and others who had been on strike for six weeks against Drewry's Ltd., U. S. A., in South Bend, returned to work after voting to accept a compromise offer by the company of 13½ cents an hour wage increase.

The workers, numbering 250, and members of Teamsters' Local 364 had rejected one compromise offer obtained for them by the president, Walter E. Biggs, and voted to remain out until the company raised the ante.

Bloomington Buses

Indiana University students and others in Bloomington who had been denied the accommodation of city buses for 107 days were rejoiced when the drivers' strike ended, with the signing of a contract between the J. W. Leppert Bus Co. and Teamsters' Local 144.

The new contract gave the drivers a closed shop, substantial increase in pay and vacations with pay.

George Skerree, president of the local, which has its headquarters in Terre Haute, and Robert Millsap, assistant business representative, participated in negotiations leading up to the agreement.

Announcement of the end of the dispute came from Mayor Loba Bruner's office where negotiations were conducted for two days under the direction of John Sutphin, arbiter, who was appointed last month upon recommendation of the City Council.

J. W. Leppert, owner of the bus company, came to terms quickly after he was notified by Mayor Bruner that unless bus service was resumed, court action would be taken to void the franchise of the company.

Shortly after the outset of the rift, Leppert had threatened to go to court and obtain an injunction against picketing of his buses.

The dispute arose when seven drivers on the line asked that the Teamsters' union act as bargaining agent in negotiating a contract. The company flatly refused to deal with the union and countered with the mag-

nificent offer of ten cents an hour increase, which would make the hourly rate 65 cents instead of 55 cents.

One of the highlights of the strike came last June when ALF members in Bloomington cooperated successfully in a unique and peaceful way to eliminate a few scab drivers.

Groups of workers would go out to the edge of town, board the buses and pay their fares. They would sit quietly, filling every seat, saying nothing. When the buses would arrive at the square they would all get off, turn around and get back on, again paying their fares and sitting without saying a word.

This silent treatment is said to have been so bewildering to the scab drivers that they soon took the buses off the streets.

Hammond Movers

Members of Teamsters' Local 362 employed by seven household moving concerns in Hammond were required to strike only four days before their business representative, Henry Willing, obtained a 10-cent an-hour pay increase for them.

Fifty drivers were affected by the raise. They had demanded 15 cents an hour increase, and the companies had countered with six cents.

Two Fired; Two Rehired

They couldn't do that to Pat Mahoney's men in Anderson, and the National Trucking Co. found it out when it discharged two drivers for no reason other, probably, than that they belonged to Teamsters' Local 369.

Brother drivers voted a sympathetic walkout and this lasted three days. At the end of this time the company rehired the two men, with pay for time lost.

Agreement for Local 414

Pat Hess, business representative of Teamsters' Local 414, Fort Wayne, withdrew a strike notice against the Cities Service Oil Co., when the company signed a new contract, giving the union members in its employ a substantial increase in wages.

The members are drivers and warehouse men.

News Notes From 543, LaFayette

By S. W. HELTON

Ivan Granaat who, prior to serving in the Sea Bees during World War II, was president and business agent of Local 543, is running for County Assessor on the Democratic ticket in Tippecanoe county. Ivan is a fine boy and deserves the support of all, especially labor.

Our secretary, Betty Cavanaugh, is taking her vacation, so don't expect a typewritten answer to your letters.

The construction work on 52 is just about to wind up, after many interruptions by the weather man during the summer.

Our Builders' Supply contract is being reopened for negotiations.

We are sending a clipping to be printed elsewhere in this paper explaining why truck drivers make the best husbands.

Brother Marcus Coplen of Local 543, Frankfort, has blossomed into quite a poet of late and has shown us a half dozen of his efforts. They are all about Teamsters, safety, courtesy on the road, etc. We'd like to let you read them, but space in this little paper is limited. Here's a sample, though.

BE KIND AND COURTEOUS

By M. COPLEN

If you were half the man you seem,
And had one-half more sense,
The merchants sure would appreciate
Your intellectual common sense.

To "off the handle" don't go more,
Nor interrupt the freight;
Deliver it with utmost care,
The consignees will not hate.

They will say in early morning,
Or at noon, or at the close of day,
"Fine day, fellow, how are you;
You'll come back again, I pray."

Be kind and courteous all the while
When you're feeling tired and sad;
Don't go beyond extremes too much,
For then you'll make it bad.

Upon the next driver who comes along
To deliver freight at their door,
Just be a sport and carry on;
It's got to be done, that's "sure."

Rabanas of 543 Is on Wage Board

American Federation of Labor members in Indiana were appointed during the past week to serve on wage boards for seven public construction projects by the State Federation of Labor.

The AFL representatives and their projects include:

Glen Rabanas, business representative, Teamsters Local No. 543, LaFayette—Improvements at the municipal electric plant at Frankfort.

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LABOR DAY STARTED BY PETER J. McGUIRE

First Monday in September Memorialized by Carpenter

Labor Day—the one day set aside in tribute to America's toiling millions—is as American as the working man and woman it honors. It is labor-born and bred, brainchild of a union carpenter and nationalized after 23 states had proclaimed the first Monday of September a legal labor holiday.

Peter J. McGuire, a native of New York City who joined the ranks of America's toilers while still a child, when he began work in a dry goods store, was the father of the observance. Apprenticed to the carpenters' trade while still quite young, at 20 he was a full-fledged union man.

It was McGuire, then in his early thirties, who sent out a call early in May of 1882 for a conference of the scattered groups of organized carpenters of that day. Standing before the newly organized Central Labor Union of New York City on May 8, he proposed that one day of the year be set aside as a general holiday for the working masses.

Dated Between Holidays

McGuire suggested that the holiday be known as Labor Day and that it be set for the first Monday of September, which would put it approximately midway between two national holidays—the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving.

Other delegates to the meeting enthusiastically embraced the idea. A committee was named and soon preparations were underway for the initial celebration of Labor Day.

The first of September that year dawned bright and clear. It was not too warm and there was a gentle breeze. And on that day, banners flying, bands playing, American labor marched, with a song in its heart, up Broadway to Union Square up Fifth Avenue to Forty-second Street. The parade was rich in color, but, as the papers observed, it was one of the most orderly the city had seen.

First Day Big Success

Of the picnic which followed, one newspaper account said:

"When the paraders had scattered through the picnic grounds, when the throng that had come to attend the festival had reached them and when the ceremonies of the day were fairly inaugurated, Elm Park presented a rare spectacle.

"The whole area was thickly crowded, there was not a bit of room to spare on the dancing platform and out of door people sat in masses and stood in compact multitudes.

"It had been arranged that each union would have a certain portion of the grounds marked out for itself, and this facilitated a greater fraternizing than otherwise could have been observed.

"As it was, fellow-workers and their families sat together, joked together and caroused together. Americans and English, Irish and Germans, they all hobnobbed and seemed on a friendly footing, as though the common cause had established a sense of closer brotherhood."

From mid-afternoon to nightfall there was speechmaking. One of the best-received speakers, of course, was McGuire himself.

With evening came a still larger crowd, for only a fraction of the city's employers had decreed a holiday, and the Central Labor Union had advised all whose employers desired them to work to do so. Fireworks and dancing both had important parts in the after-dark portion of the festival.

"On the dancing platform," said *The New York Herald*, "the fun was fast and furious. It was crowd-

ed with a revolving, capering, merry multitude."

The second Labor Day was celebrated in 1883. Said *The New York World*:

"The monster demonstration and parade of the trades and labor organizations of yesterday was an immense success. The parade was participated in by the trades unions of this city, Brooklyn, Jersey City and other adjacent cities."

Early AFL Convention

Two years and one month after the first Labor Day parade and festival, the fourth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor was in session at Schloesser's Hall in Chicago.

Twenty-six delegates attended that convention. They represented nineteen organizations — international unions, local bodies, central labor unions. The report of the financial officers showed a balance in the treasury of \$188.14. Though few in number, the delegates were blessed with far-seeing vision.

The delegate from the Chicago Trades and Labor Assembly, A. C. Cameron, proposed and the convention adopted the following:

"Resolved, That the first Monday in September of each year be set apart as a laborers' national holiday, and that we recommend its observance by all wage workers, irrespective of sex, calling or nationality."

Making it Legal Holiday

During the next few years organized labor devoted its attention to securing state legislation making Labor Day a legal holiday.

As early as 1887, Oregon enacted the first state law, but this measure designated the first Saturday in June as Labor Day. This was changed to the first Monday in September in 1893.

The Labor Committee of the House of Representatives in May of 1894 presented a favorable report on a bill making Labor Day a legal public holiday.

By June 26 of that year Congressional action on the bill had been completed and two days later the measure was signed by President Grover Cleveland. The pen used by the President was turned over to Representative Amos J. Cummings of New York City, who sponsored the bill in the House. Cummings then sent the pen to President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor.

Thus, a dozen years after McGuire first advanced the idea of a special holiday honoring labor before the Capital Labor Union of New York City, the proposal had the approval of the American people, expressed through their elected representatives at Washington.

Gompers on the Subject

President Gompers 45 years ago wrote an editorial for *The American Federationist* in which he discussed the deep significance of Labor Day. Though the Spanish-American War period is rather remote, the remarks then made by Gompers on the subject of Labor Day have lost none of their point.

"No day in the calendar is a greater fixture, one which is more truly regarded as a real holiday, or one which is so surely destined to endure for all time, than the first Monday in September of each recurring year, Labor Day," he wrote.

"Labor Day differs in every essential from the other holidays of the year of any country. All other holidays are, in a more or less degree, connected with conflicts and battles, of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed or power, of glories achieved by one nation over another.

"Labor Day, on the other hand, marks a new epoch in the annals of human history. It is at once a manifestation of reverence for the struggles of the masses against tyranny and injustice from time immemorial; an impetus to battle for

HEARD AND SEEN

AT 7/16

By J. E. DEETS

We have opened negotiations calculated to obtain contracts for drivers employed by six electrical supply houses in Indianapolis, and expect to get higher wages and improved working conditions for all of our members who are employed by these concerns.

And because a number of inside workers employed in the six supply houses have applied for membership in our local, we will seek to obtain bargaining rights for all inside workers in above described concerns.

Monument Coal Co-op has signed a new contract for 1947, becoming effective August 22. This gives increased wages and improved working conditions to all drivers and helpers in the company's employ. Contract was signed for Monument by Harold Hatcher, for the union by J. E. Deets.

At a special meeting of Local 716, held August 28 at 28 West North Street, we mapped out our entire program for the coming winter months, arranged for our meeting nights, and discussed other matters of general importance.

the right in our day for the men, women, and children of our time and gives hope and encouragement for the attainment of the aspirations for the future of the human family.

"It is devoted to no man, living or dead; to no sect, sex, race or nation. It is founded upon the highest principles of humanity, is as broad in its scope as the universe.

"It was not given to but conquered by labor, and established as a holiday before any legislature, state or national, enacted it into law.

"The marching toilers in the Labor Day demonstrations signify no martial glory, brutal domination, conquests or warlike pomp. They are, in their essence, the manifestations of the growing intelligence of the workers who recognize that peace is as essential to successful industry and real progress as air is to lung-breathing animals; that justice to the toilers has too long been denied; that in the midst of the civilization at the close of the Nineteenth Century, wrongs too gross, widespread and well known to require mention here, still abound; that if man is to be free in the time to come, eternal vigilance must be exercised, organization of the workers proclaimed, maintained and extended; education of the educated as well as of the masses be furthered and nurtured, and agitation of labor's wrongs endured and rights denied undertaken, with all the zest and energy begotten by devotion to a cause which is at once holy, noble, pure, lofty, just, wise and humane."

Glidden Workers Elect Local 233

Two hundred production employees of the V. Glidden Co., manufacturers of animal feeds in Indianapolis, have overwhelmingly voted to designate Teamster Local 233 as bargaining agent.

The vote was taken by the National Labor Relations Board August 26, according to Leo Bauer, union President.

President Bauer will start negotiations with the company immediately, to obtain better wages and working conditions for the new members, he said.

66,000,000 in U. S. Have Jobs

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Employment in the United States has reached an all-time peak, passing the 60,000,000 goal set by government economists, the Census Bureau reports.

Truck Driver Never Cheats On Wife, Says Detective

(But this expert says nothing, you'll observe, about the business agents)

By ROBERT RICHARDS
United Press Staff
Correspondent

NEW YORK—If you're looking for a life of wedded bliss girls, kiss the playboys, goodbye and marry a truck driver. The bigger his truck, and the dirtier he gets, the better for your marriage.

We pass this advice along from the lips of Harold Nelson, head of Nelson's detective agency in Manhattan. Mr. Nelson ought to know. He spends a great part of his time chasing erring husbands.

"And truck drivers, or factory workers, are by far the

best bets for a woman," he said. "We seldom ever have to go tailing one of them."

Husbands most likely to stray are successful businessmen, or salesmen.

He's a Good Boy

"A truck driver comes home," Mr. Nelson explained, "and he's too tired to go running around. He's sweaty, or dirty, so he has to sit down and take off his clothes."

"Before he can get up and run out the door, the kids have got him."

Men are men, Mr. Nelson believes, no matter what their work, and they're pretty much all alike.

"But the truck driver behaves better, because he doesn't have as much time to run around as the salesman," he explained.

Mr. Nelson's business is running full speed ahead in this post-war world.

"It looks like more men are stepping out than ever before," he said.

His chief difficulty is to keep the angry wife from running up and slugging her husband with a chair when she and Mr. Nelson trail the poor guy with his blond lovely into some restaurant.

Mr. Nelson is a gentleman, and he almost always feels sorry for the badgered hubby.

"I never advise divorce," he explained, "and my cases quite often don't end in the courts. If it's the first time the guy slipped, and the wife asks my advice, I always tell her, 'take it easy and think of the children.'"

Truck drivers or salesmen, he gives them the same treatment.

The Friendly Visitor

"After we catch the guy having dinner with his girl," Mr. Nelson said, "I tell the wife to go in and say, 'John, will you come outside—I want to talk to you.'"

"Then she turns to the babe at the table and says, 'I know you won't mind. This is my husband.'"

Once outside, the wife turns to her husband and says:

"Well, John, I know all about it."

After that, he either comes home like a good boy, or he jumps through the window.

Compensation Handbook

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A revised edition on workmen's compensation laws has been issued by the Labor Standards Division of the Labor Department. It can be obtained by written request. It covers many changes in state laws.

AFL Is Growing

More than 100,000 new members have been added to the rolls of The American Federation of Labor since the recent inauguration of its drive throughout the South. AFL President William Green reported to the Executive Council meeting in Chicago.

TEAMSTER LEADERS CELEBRATE LABOR DAY

Business Agents Participate In Planning Parades, Picnics

Teamster leaders of Indiana were active in Labor Day celebrations this year in various parts of the state, particularly in Lafayette, Evansville and LaPorte.

In Lafayette, the Central Labor Union, headed by S. W. Helton, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters' Local 543, planned a big day at Columbia Park.

A baseball game between The American Legion and Eagles Lodge, boxing matches, sack races and like sports during the afternoon were topped off by speech making and fireworks in the evening.

At Evansville

Lloyd Rhoads, head of the Taxicab Drivers' Union No. 11 of Teamsters in Evansville, was on the grounds committee for

what was designed as "the greatest Labor Day observance in the history of the city."

Featuring the all-day picnic at Garvin Park was a lively midway with attractions of every variety. In addition, a program of games and contests was arranged for adults and children.

At LaPorte

Teamsters of Local 298, led by their secretary-treasurer, E. C. Wilkes, were a conspicuous feature of what was planned to be the biggest Labor Day parade in the history of LaPorte.

Headed by the Mooseheart Band, the pageant swirled through the city and out to the Fairgrounds, where members of organized labor and their friends participated in an all-day program.

Factory Workers Increase in State

Employment of production workers in Indiana factories increased for the sixth consecutive month between mid-June and mid-July, according to a joint survey made by the Indiana Employment Security Division and the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The net gain, however, was only one per cent, or about 4,000 persons, in factory production employees. Weekly pay rolls also advanced, showing a gain of 1.7 per cent over mid-June. These small increases resulted largely from the settlement of labor disputes.

Uncertainty about prices while the OPA issue was being debated was blamed generally for holding in abeyance more extensive employment expansions. Material shortages and scattered strikes continued to harass several industries, some of whom employ large numbers of workers. Other retarding factors that tended to keep the pay roll total from registering a larger gain were the Fourth of July holiday, vacations, further elimination of overtime work, and shortened hours due to material scarcities.

Manufacturing employment and pay rolls both were considerably lower than in July, 1945. While the employment and pay roll totals for the eight non-manufacturing groups studied were lower than in mid-June, sizable gains were shown over a year ago when wartime restrictions limited employment in some of these industries.

Reporting firms indicated that the rate of personnel turnover in manufacturing industries remained at a high level and many employers stated that they were having difficulty in interesting workers in the types of jobs that were open.

Stassen for President

PRINCETON, N. J.—In a special poll among the nation's most prominent citizens, listed in Who's Who in America, the Gallup Institute of Public Opinion finds that voters with Republican leanings favor Harold E. Stassen above any other candidate for the Presidency in 1948.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, runs a poor second to the former Minnesota governor, who served in the U. S. Navy during World War II and was a delegate to the San Francisco conference of the United Nations last year.

Opens Gas Station

ANDERSON—Lloyd Swikard, business agent for Teamsters Local 369, and temporary chairman of the Central Labor Union has opened a filling and service station at 23rd and Pitt Streets where he handles a full line of Texaco products and accessories.

He specializes in grease jobs for trucks and passenger cars; also washing, polishing and waxing.

Miss Malinka Praises State Boards in Battle vs. Polio

With respect to infantile paralysis, Indiana can knock wood at this time, when the season has reached its crest.

Indiana has had 87 cases to August 17, as against 55 a year ago, but these cases are scattered and are not concentrated in an epidemic such as occurred last year at LaPorte.

Indiana also can take comfort in the belief that everything scientifically possible is being done to combat the disease and avert its spread.

A statement by Miss Betty Malinka, Indiana Field Representative of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, praises the two state departments of Health and Welfare.

"The National Foundation in Indiana considers itself fortunate in having the direction and cooperation of these two departments," said Miss Malinka.

She expressed confidence in the work of Dr. J. W. Jackson, director of the division of Communicable Disease Control, State Board of Health, and the various district health officers and in the work of Carl King, head of the Services for Crippled Children, Department of Public Welfare, and county welfare directors.

Exhibit at State Fair

The National Foundation is having an exhibit at the Indiana State Fair this year, in connection with that of the Indiana State Medical Association.

This contains a map showing prevalence of polio in the United States in 1945, and a chart of the human body, showing

LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEPHEN TOTH

We took our case against the McKeown Transportation Co. to the Trucking Panel which met in Chicago. We are hoping for the best.

Ray Shellabarger of Lake City suffered a possible skull fracture and is in St. Catherine's Hospital.

Matt Johnson of Foster-Wheeler is on the sick list.

Walter Kubisz of Certified Concrete is also on the sick, lame and lazy list.

City Freight contract is in the hands of the company and awaiting signatures.

We have mailed the new Oil Contracts out, hoping to clear up that group soon.

We are urging all members to have themselves and their family X-Rayed when the Mobile X-Ray unit comes to town. The cost will be very small and the benefits you receive will be great. All pictures will be sent to your family doctor, so that no one except you and he will know the outcome of the examination. If you do not have a family physician, the X-Ray pictures will be kept in a private file at the T. B. Sanitarium at Crown Point, Indiana. This work is all sponsored by the Lake County T. B. Association for your health. Members, take advantage of it!

City Workers Raised 15 Cts.

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It was pointed out at the Council meeting August 22 that Mayor Tyndall had promised the hourly increase as part of a strike-settlement agreement earlier in the year.

Nat'l. Cylinder Contract

Teamsters' Local 135 has signed a new contract with the National Cylinder Gas Co. giving all drivers and helpers in Indianapolis and Logansport better wages and working conditions.

Linde Air Workers

All Employees of the Inde Air Products Co. in Indianapolis have applied for membership in Teamsters Local 135, and a petition for certification has been filed by the union with the National Labor Relations Board, according to Robert McClain, business representative.

AFL Convention Set for Chicago

The 65th Convention of the American Federation of Labor will be held in Hotel Morrison, Chicago, beginning, Oct. 7, and continuing in session until all business is completed.

The call for the convention was issued by William Green, AFL president, and George Meany, secretary-treasurer. The call stated:

"The judgment and the opinion of the millions of members of the American Federation of Labor will be expressed through their chosen representatives in attendance at this historic convention. Their hopes and aspirations for the realization of an enduring peace and the establishment of international security will be reflected in the decisions rendered and declarations made at this convention."

"In conformity with its historic record and in line with its traditional policy, this convention will express itself courageously and constructively upon all the economic, social and industrial problems, national and international."

Demand the Label

By I. M. ORNBURN

Secretary-Treasurer
AFL Union Label Trades Dept.

Labor Day, this year, ushers in a new period for the American worker—both man and woman. With the war over, and reconversion substantially on the way, every member of the American Federation of Labor can further his own interests by demanding the Union Label on all articles he buys—the Shop Card and Service Button on all services he patronizes. He can be certain, if he insists upon it, that the goods he buys were made by fellow-union members at a decent scale of pay and working on a non-sweat-shop basis. This reflects all down the line in whatever field the American worker may be. This has been proven over a long period of years.

UP-TO-DATE WITH NO. 188

By SWEDE WAECHTER

Give me again my hollow tree, a crust of bread and liberty.



Our President, C. E. Davis, has just returned from a well earned vacation. We sure are glad that he is back. Hope that you had a good time, C. E.

We have three new babies to announce at this time. The proud parents are Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Anderson, Mrs. and Mr. Leonard Pavey and Mrs. and Mr. Fred Pavey. Bob works at General Baking Co., and the two Paveys are from Hostess Cake Co. Congratulations to you happy parents! And may your infants grow up to be strong supporters of Local No. 188. All the fathers are doing well, we hear.

Officers and members were shocked at the death of Jim Jacobs of Buttercrust Pie Co., who was killed when a coal truck collided with his truck on July 26.

We are still organizing Furnas Ice Cream. Any help will be appreciated.

Don't forget your monthly craft meeting. See your steward for the date.

As far as Local 188 is concerned, all milk companies are scabby, except Capitol Dairies, Kroger Dairy and Indiana Condensed Milk Co. Come on members of 188 and sister locals—do something about it. Demand that your milkman have a union button.

Everytime you are overcharged when buying groceries—or anything else for that matter—you are taking a pay cut. Report it to the OPA.

I am still waiting to hear from our stewards for something to put in this column.

Mr. Suburg kissed his wife a fond farewell as he was about to catch his morning bus. But, for the first time in five years, he missed it. Thinking to surprise his spouse, he tiptoed into the kitchen and planted a tender kiss on the back of her neck, as she was washing the dishes. "Good morning, Mr. Niblack", she said, "I'll have two bottles of milk and a pint of cream."

HAVE IT DELIVERED UNION

Bontrager Job Moving Along in East Chicago

EAST CHICAGO—Frank Potesak, Business Agent of Teamsters' Local 520 reports that the Bontrager job on Route 41 is moving along 100 per cent.